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SUBJECT: CHILEAN AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY,
JUNE 7.

1. AMBASSADOR HEITMANN CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY
KUBISCH JUNE 7 TO CONVEY IMPRESSIONS BROUGHT BACK FROM
HIS RECENT CONSULTATIONS IN CHILE.

2. HEITMANN BEGAN BY TRANSMITTING JUNTA'S APPRECIATION
FOR OUR HELP THUS FAR, PARTICULARLY ON THE MILITARY SIDE.
HE ALSO REITERATED THE INVITATION TO THE SECRETARY TO
VISIT CHILE WHEN HE SCHEDULES A LATIN AMERICAN TRIP.

3. HEITMANN PAINTED POSITIVE PICTURE OF SITUATION HE
FOUND AT HOME: EXTREMIST ACTIVITIES WERE COMPLETELY UNDER
CONTROL, NATIONAL PRIDE WAS HIGH, RELATIONS WITH ARGENTINA
WERE VERY GOOD AND UPCOMING EXCHANGE OF VISITS BETWEEN
CHILEAN AIR FORCE CHIEF LEIGH AND PERUVIAN AIR FORCE CINC
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GILARDI PROMISED TO RELAX TENSIONS IN THAT QUARTER. INFLA-

TION AND UNEMPLOYMENT WERE, HOWEVER, CAUSE OF CONCERN. HEITMANN NOTED UNEXPECTEDLY HEAVY FOREIGN EXCHANGE RECEIPTS BECAUSE OF HIGH COPPER PRICES AND REFERRED TO GOC PLANS FOR STEPPED-UP PURCHASES OF CAPITAL GOODS AND INVESTMENT IN EMPLOYMENT-INTENSIVE PROJECTS.

4. HEITMANN DECLARED THAT DURING HIS VISIT HE HAD

COUNSELED JUNTA TO GO EASY ON LETELIER AND ALMEYDA. THERE WAS "TOO MUCH AT STAKE INTERNATIONALLY TO MAKE AN ISSUE ABOUT TWO PEOPLE." KUBISCH SAID HE CONSIDERED SUCH ADVICE SOUND AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE GOC COULD WORK OUT AN ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION. HEITMANN CONFIRMED THAT BOTH MEN WILL BE ALLOWED TO GO TO MEXICO IF FOUND NOT GUILTY OR IF IN SOME FASHION "PARDONED" AFTER CONVICTION.

5. HEITMANN CONFIRMED THAT THE ICRC HAD BEEN DENIED ACCESS TO DETENTION CAMPS. HE INDICATED THAT RESUMPTION OF VISITATIONS WERE BEING MADE CONTINGENT BY THE GOC ON THE REMOVAL OF TWO ICRC TEAM MEMBERS WHO THE GOC SAYS ENCOURAGED DETAINEES TO INVENT STORIES OF MISTREATMENT.

6. KUBISCH NOTED THAT SHLAUDEMANN WILL BE TESTIFYING ON CHILE JUNE 12 BEFORE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES IN PUBLIC SESSION AND THAT WE ANTICIPATE SENSITIVE QUESTIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS. HEITMANN SAW NO DIFFICULTY IN OUR INDICATING THAT THE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN IN REGULAR AND CONTINUING TOUCH ON PROBLEMS IN THIS AREA, AS ON A WIDE RANGE OF MATTERS. WITH RESPECT TO MILITARY ASSISTANCE, HEITMANN THOUGHT IT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO STATE THAT OUR PROPOSALS TAKE INTO ACCOUNT OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GOC AND PROGRESS TOWARD MORE NORMAL CONDITIONS IN CHILE. HE ADDED THAT THE CONGRESS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT CHILE WOULD OBTAIN MILITARY SUPPLIES ELSEWHERE IF NECESSARY, WHILE DENIAL OF U.S. ASSISTANCE WOULD ONLY DIMINISH U.S. INFLUENCE WITH THE GOC. SISCO

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